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Clinton Confronts Military, Gingerly, on Homosexuality Issue

TRANSITION VOTES

Quayle to Make a Last Stab at Wetlands Rules

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dan Quayle and his staff are planning a last-ditch attempt to loosen rules that prevent landowners from developing wetlands, a move that would touch off a final battle within the Bush administration over one of its thorniest environmental policies.

The attempt would please developers and landowners like farmers, whose lobbyists have been pressing hard for the administration to make the change.

But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, William K. Reilly, who would have to approve any such change, said in an interview that he was satisfied with current wetlands rules, which date from 1987. His remarks signal that he is not willing to endorse proposed changes that have been under negotiation within the administration for months.

A senior official on Mr. Quayle's staff said that there was "a split of opinion" within the administration on whether to proceed with the changes, and that it could probably be accomplished only if all parties, including Mr. Reilly, were satisfied.

White House officials on both sides of the dispute said that Mr. Quayle's staff on the Council on Competitiveness, a group headed by the vice president that reviews regulations with an eye on cutting costs to industry, wants to make the changes by the end of the year. Congressional approval would not be necessary. (NYT)

Clinton's Long Hand in Personnel Decisions

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton has decided on a personnel recruitment process intended to guarantee the White House a dominant role in staffing decisions — and thus over future policy — not only for the cabinet but deep into the ranks of all major government agencies.

Sources said that Mr. Clinton's transition team, in one of its first major decisions, has opted not to give cabinet officers a free hand in selecting their subordinates.

Instead, the Clinton team has committed itself to what one termed a "negative checkoff" system. Under this approach, neither the White House personnel operation nor the cabinet officers will be able to force an appointment that the other side does not want, sources in the transition process said.

The process is meant to assure that the incoming administration is staffed with individuals committed to the new president's policies, while maintaining a collegial atmosphere.

"There is no way we are going to give the secretaries choices without Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore being involved," said an adviser to Mr. Clinton. "But they will sit down with the personnel team and they can both air each other's ideas." (LAT)

Inquiry Widens in Passport Search Scandal

WASHINGTON — State Department officials and congressional auditors said they were investigating whether anyone from the White House or President George Bush's re-election campaign was involved in searching passport records for information damaging to Bill Clinton or Ross Perot.

Sherman M. Funk, inspector-general of the State Department, said that his investigators were examining evidence that there might be such a connection. He also said he had promising "leads" but refused to specify what evidence suggested that there might have been conversations between White House and State Department officials on the subject.

The inspector-general's staff has interviewed many people at the White House, but has apparently not talked to anyone in the Bush, Clinton or Perot campaigns.

The State Department official who supervised the searches of passport records, Elizabeth M. Tamposi, cleared out her office Wednesday after being dismissed by Mr. Bush on Tuesday. (NYT)

Hillary Clinton Gets a Magazine of Her Own

WASHINGTON — Maybe Dan Quayle can breathe a sigh of relief now with the demise of the naughty little Quayle Quarterly. But Hillary Clinton is not.

Frank Marafioti of Concord, New Hampshire, promises to launch his own \$15-a-year newsletter — the Hillary Clinton Quarterly — which will offer regular updates on her, the Clintons' marriage and how the relationship influences "American policy and politics."

Mr. Marafioti, who refers to himself as a corporate refugee (he used to work in banking), says he's just trying to create a little excitement and actually likes Hillary and voted for Bill. "This is not to ridicule Hillary," he said. "We want to focus on what she says about issues and how people react to her." And, of course, there'll be some "affectionate satire."

As far as how Mrs. Clinton will take it, he says, "I think she has a sense of humor and I hope she subscribes." (WFF)

Quote-Unquote

Godfrey Garin, a Democratic poll-taker, on the independent candidacy of Ross Perot: "The Perot constituency has neither a coherent ideology nor an institutional framework in which to operate. On Nov. 3, Perot was a resting place for a lot of unhappy voters of very different types." (NYT)

Away From Politics

- Nearly 40 percent of those teaching in U.S. colleges and universities are working part-time, with little or no chance of advancement or job security, according to a new study by the American Association of University Professors.
- A jogger was shot and killed near a northwestern Connecticut reservoir by a hunter who told the police he had mistaken the man, Kevin Elliott, 33, for a deer.
- Two teenage Florida boys were arrested in connection with a string of sniper and rock-throwing attacks on motorists along a stretch of Interstate 295 in the last few months. They are to be charged with attempted murder in the shooting in July of Debra Lewis, 38.
- The blood-thinning medicine Warfarin could virtually eliminate the 75,000 strokes resulting each year in the United States from a common heart condition called atrial fibrillation, according to a new study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. It is the fourth published since 1989 showing that Warfarin is highly effective.
- In a noninvasive prenatal test, Tennessee doctors have identified in the blood of pregnant women chromosomal abnormalities of the type that produce Down's syndrome and other severe birth defects in fetal cells.
- Cigarettes are being smoked three times more in motion pictures than in the actual population, according to a study by researchers at University of California, San Francisco.
- California will be allowed to carry out welfare reductions. The permission, from the Bush administration, clears the way next month for an across-the-board cut in cash benefits and restrictions on payments to new residents. (AP, NYT, LAT)

BUSH: A Pervasive Melancholy

(Continued from page 1)

While Mr. Bush's electoral defeat was major, his popular vote margin brought him only five percentage points away from Mr. Clinton, not a close race but also not a landslide or the massive repudiation his aides once feared.

At the dinner, he and Senator Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, who was vanquished by Mr. Bush in the 1980 and 1988 presidential primaries, engaged in sorrowful sessions, a strange end for two men who had fought each other so strongly and for so long. From there, the president went back to the White House, but not for long.

Shortly before midnight, he called his press secretary, Martin Fitzwater, to say he and his wife, Barbara, were going to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial a few blocks away. "I'm not taking anyone with us," he said.

No press entourage and cameras and long lines of limos and vans and all the security and news media paraphernalia usually involved in a presidential trip. And that is how the Bushes went, the two of them and a handful of Secret Service aides, his only near-private foray outside the White House bubble in 12 years, eight as vice president and four as president.

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By Eric Schmitt
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In saying that he would honor his campaign pledge to lift the military's ban on homosexuals, President-elect Bill Clinton is challenging one of the military's most entrenched traditions.

General Colin L. Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said removing the ban "would be prejudicial to good order and discipline." The military has dismissed more than 17,000 homosexuals in the last decade to enforce the policy.

As commander in chief, Mr. Clinton can impose his order on the armed forces, just as President Harry S. Truman did in 1948 did when he ordered the integration of the army, and Mr. Clinton's aides say he will do that shortly after he becomes president on Jan. 20.

His remarks at a news conference Thursday seemed to acknowledge the need to negotiate the method and pace of the change with General Powell and his col-

leagues to gain their support. Mr. Clinton said he had before acting he would confer with senior military officials. But he seemed determined to act nonetheless.

Senior military commanders acknowledge that tens of thousands of homosexual men and women serve in the 1.8-million member military, but keep their sexual orientation secret.

Many officers say that the problem is not that homosexuals are there but that if the ban was lifted they would openly display their homosexuality, possibly undermining the morale and discipline of fighting units.

Field commanders insist that sharing barracks, showers, latrines — especially at sea or in extreme combat conditions — would create serious management problems.

"It is difficult in a military setting where

there is no privacy, where you don't get choice of where you live, to introduce a group of individuals who are proud, brave, loyal, good Americans but who favor a homosexual lifestyle," General Powell said in testimony before the House Budget Committee earlier this year.

Clinton campaign advisers are poring over various drafts of an executive order that would ban sexual discrimination in the military. Some Clinton advisers say that senior members of the transition team in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Washington are in the early stages of formulating a new policy.

"This is a huge culture shock to the military, and he's sensitive to that culture," said one official familiar with Mr. Clinton's transition team. "You can't expect people to change attitudes overnight. It's one of the most tricky issues that could be raised."

At the news conference in Little Rock on Thursday, Mr. Clinton said that in consid-

ering whether to allow homosexuals to serve in the military: "The issue ought to be conduct. Has anybody done anything that would disqualify them from service?"

Mr. Clinton is walking a fine line between keeping his promises to homosexuals who backed him in the presidential campaign and avoiding a rash of resignations that has been threatened in the tradition-bound military, as well as recruiting problems.

"There's a huge amount of superstition, hostility and ignorance about what gay people are," a senior Pentagon official said. "Certainly, it's wrong-headed, but it's real and exists."

"So the question becomes: How do you do this in a way that says to the country 'I'm committed to change, but I don't want to degrade the ability of the military?'" the official said.

Some proposals that Clinton advisers are now reviewing would halt the discharge of homosexuals and then move gradually to study broader steps. But it is more likely

that the ban will be lifted immediately, allowing homosexuals to enlist in the services and existing service members to stop hiding their sexual orientation. Some proposals go as far as reinstating discharged service members with back pay, a financial burden that Mr. Clinton is unlikely to accept.

"I don't think there will be any kind of fine lines drawn or lengthy executive order," said David Mixner, a fund-raiser and adviser to the Clinton campaign on gay issues. "The only commitment he made was that there'd be no discrimination against gays in the military in the future."

Public opinion polls show that most Americans favor lifting the ban, though it is unclear how deep that support runs.

One traditional reason for keeping homosexuals out of the military has been discarded. A study done for the Pentagon a few years ago found that homosexuals were no more of a security risk, in this case, being susceptible to the threat of blackmail, than other soldiers.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Lifting Ban, U.S. to Follow Most in NATO

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

PARIS — If President-elect Bill Clinton goes ahead with his promise to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military, Britain will become the only member of NATO still maintaining a strict policy of excluding homosexuals from its armed forces.

Elsewhere in the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization, most governments either have laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination, including in the military, or follow policies that make no distinction between homosexuals and heterosexuals, even when it comes to military duties requiring special security clearance.

Some armed forces, though, concede that homosexuals are not enormously welcome in their ranks. In these cases, however, homosexuals often insist on disclosing their sexual orientation — and some heterosexuals insist that they, too, are homosexual — in order to avoid the draft.

Significantly, outright bans on homosexuals wearing military uniforms have been maintained longest in the three NATO members that have replaced the draft — the all-volunteer armed forces — the United States, Britain and Canada.

But on Oct. 27, Canada eliminated all barriers to the enlistment of homosexuals in its armed forces after a court ruled that its prior policy of exclusion or discrimination violated the country's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Canadian military regulations had required anyone who suspected another member of the armed forces of being a homosexual to report the matter. If a commanding officer decided the homosexual should be released from service, this was to be done "with a minimum of publicity." But if the person in question refused to resign, he or she could expect no further promotion.

The court ruling came in a case involving a homosexual protocol officer, Michelle Douglas, who sued the armed forces for discrimination that forced her resignation. After the ruling, General John de Chastelain, chief of the defense staff, announced that all Canadians "regardless of their sexual orientation" could serve in the military.

Britain's position, though, remains inflexible. A Defense Ministry spokesman in London said that while volunteers are not asked if they are homosexual, if they are found to be carrying out homosexual activities while in the services they are asked to leave the military.

The armed forces feel it is not an appropriate mode of behavior to have in the armed forces," the spokesman said. "It may be tolerated in the rest of society. Indeed, homosexuality is no longer a bar to employment in the civil service. But it is not acceptable to the armed forces."

The spokesman said that, until a change in the law earlier this year, homosexual activities in the armed forces were a criminal offense.

Now, he said, homosexuals are discharged from service through an administrative procedure. "Since they are subject to military law, there is no appeal to civilian courts," the spokesman said.

The Netherlands, in contrast, has among the most liberal policies toward homosexuals. "There is no policy because they are treated in the same way as any other people," said a Defense Ministry spokesman. "Most people live at home and what they do in their private lives is none of our business."

Germany also has no anti-homosexual legislation and therefore homosexuals cannot be excluded from the armed forces, although homosexual relations between military personnel while on duty are illegal.

"What you do off base or in off-duty hours is your business," a said Defense Ministry spokesman in Bonn. "Discretion is the code word."

In France, according to a Defense Ministry spokesman, homosexuals may be excluded from military service if they convince examining physicians that the experience would be psychologically punishing for them. "But there is no law or regulation forbidding the entry of homosexuals into the armed forces," he said.

The spokesman nonetheless conceded that, if a draftee were openly homosexual, he may have difficulty being accepted by his colleagues. "There are homosexuals in the permanent armed forces, but they tend to hide their preference," he said.

"If discovered, they tend to leave because of social problems."

Perhaps surprisingly, even during the rightist dictatorship of General Francisco Franco, Spain has had a liberal attitude toward homosexuals in the military. One Madrid journalist recalled that, when he carried out his military service 20 years ago, homosexuals faced no discrimination. "Some were assigned kitchen duty," he recalled.

Today, according to a Defense Ministry spokeswoman in Madrid, "sexual orientation is a matter of personal choice." She said no statistics on the number of homosexuals in the army were kept and no draftees were excluded because of their sexual preference.

In Italy, homosexuals were excluded from the military until 1985, but since then there has been no ban on their joining. However, a Defense Ministry spokesman in Rome said that, if a man is identified as or admits to being a homosexual, he will not normally be required to do military service.

As in other West European countries that are not members of NATO, Switzerland also does not discriminate against homosexuals in the military.

At NATO's Brussels headquarters, the 1,250 civilian and 350 military employees are subject to no special security clearance when they join the staff. Rather, each government that assigns a civilian or military officer to the alliance is responsible for insuring they can handle military and other secrets.



Petty Officer Keith Meinhold arriving Thursday at Moffett Naval Air Station in California after a court reinstated him. The Navy had discharged him after he acknowledged that he was a homosexual.

An Eclectic Group To Run Transition

By Thomas L. Friedman
New York Times Service

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton completed a transition team Friday that is notable for its diversity in ages and ethnic backgrounds and that will help him shape his administration's early domestic and foreign policies.

The transition staff includes whites, blacks and Hispanics, an almost equal number of men and women, a mix of youth and experience, gentiles and Jews, and people who worked with Mr. Clinton during the campaign and old friends.

"I want an administration that looks like America," said Mr. Clinton in a news conference at the old Arkansas State House, where he unveiled his team, headed by Vice President-elect Al Gore, the Washington lobbyist, and Warren M. Christopher, a Los Angeles lawyer.

The top economic adviser on the Clinton transition team will be Robert B. Reich, a Harvard professor known for his view that in an interconnected world, the two main factors that determine a country's ability to compete economically are the quality of its work force and of its infrastructure — roads, bridges and communications systems.

His writings have clearly influenced Mr. Clinton's economic agenda, which stresses government assistance for the retraining of American workers, apprenticeship programs, making college tuition available in return for public service jobs and immediately injecting \$20 billion into the economy to upgrade the nation's infrastructure.

The National Security post on the transition team will be held by Samuel Berger, who served as a deputy director of the Policy Planning Staff at the State Department in the Carter administration and is an old friend of Mr. Clinton's from college. Mr. Berger has spent the last 12 years as a law partner in the Washington firm of Hogan and Hartson, and his views on specific foreign policy issues could best be described as in the mainstream of the Democratic Party.

His deputies will be Leon Forth, the foreign affairs adviser to Vice President-elect Al Gore, and Nancy Soderberg, the foreign affairs coordinator during the campaign, who formerly served as an adviser to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts.

In addition to the policy directors, three top campaign strategists — Mark Gerson, George Stephanopoulos and David Wilton — were named top deputies to Mr. Christopher.

Alexis Herman, deputy leader of the Democratic National Committee, was put in charge of studying the operations of the executive branch.

Mr. Gerson and Ms. Herman will play major roles in managing transition offices in Washington, while Mr. Wilton and Mr. Stephanopoulos work out of Little Rock directing political and communications operations.

Aides said Mr. Clinton planned an agency-by-agency approach under which policy "cluster groups" would study agencies and recommend any structural changes, as well as make personnel recommendations.

Results of each team's departmental review will be ready to hand to a cabinet secretary once Mr. Clinton makes the appointment, the aides said. Cabinet appointments are not likely for at least a few weeks.

Florida's top environmental regulator, Carol Browner, will be named to head Vice President-elect Gore's transition team, sources in Florida and Little Rock said Thursday. Ms. Browner, who once served as Mr. Gore's top legislative aide, is among those mentioned for a senior administration post, either at the Environmental Protection Agency or in Mr. Gore's office.

The Democratic National Committee chairman, Ronald H. Brown, was named chairman of the inaugural committee.

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OPINION

Still Struggling to Conceal A Global Political Scandal

By William Safire

NEW YORK — On Election Day 1992, 40 months after the FBI raid on the Atlanta BNL bank funding America's illegal arms buildup of Saddam Hussein, Deputy Attorney General George Terwilliger sent a memo to all Justice Department section chiefs. It reveals the current strategy of the Iraqgate cover-up: finger the CIA.

Anyone who currently possesses information in the possession of the intelligence community regarding the BNL matter, he wrote his fellow political appointees, "and the Department's awareness and/or receipt of that information, is directed to supply any such documents to Charles Platt of Judge Lacey's staff."

He then added the kicker that career prosecutors in the Criminal Division tell

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me is evidence that the new in-house counsel has been drawn into the worldwide obstruction of justice: "... with a copy to Dennis Saylor, special counsel to the assistant attorney general, Criminal Division, immediately."

When an Iraqgate grand jury is finally impeached, one of its targets is likely to be Robert Mueller, that same Criminal Division's chief. Here we have the political flunky to that likely target getting copies of, and trying to act as conduit for, all evidence that might be used in questioning his bosses under oath.

trix Churchill to be U.S. attorney in Atlanta a few months after the raid on the Atlanta bank. Matrix Churchill's key officers in Britain, standing trial for running a front for arms sales to Iraq, were suddenly set free this week. We now have proof that they were in effect agents of the British government, directing the flow of weaponry to Saddam Hussein — apparently in cooperation with the Italian government, which owns the Atlanta BNL — a branch of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro — and with the Bush administration, which sought to build up Iraq covertly.

Iraqgate is the first global political scandal. The leaders of three major nations are implicated in a criminal conspiracy: first, to misuse taxpayer funds and public agencies in the clandestine buildup of a terrorist dictator; then to abuse the intelligence and banking services of these nations to conceal the dirty deed; finally, to try to thwart the inescapable course of justice.

Iraqgate is also the largest ripoff of the U.S. Treasury in American history. The Italian ambassador prevailed on the U.S. attorney general to block investigation of banking officials in Rome, Justice then forbade its own investigators to go abroad. That political protection of corrupt banking guarantees ultimately cost the U.S. taxpayers \$1.9 billion.

Were the intelligence services of the United States, Britain and Italy all aware of — and participants in — the West's secret, unlawful arming of Saddam? Of course; but the stonewalling strategy of the departing Justice politicians is to have the CIA take the gasp for all the wrongdoers. That's why George Terwilliger is seeking "lost" CIA memos for house counsel (copies to the suspects).

At the same time, all the cover-up crew's men are trying to piggyback on a Weinberger pardon plea. The Iraqgate crew, citing President George Bush's National Security Directive 26 as its license to break the law, wants its sins forgotten as part of an Iran-contra pardoning orgy. Mr. Bush, if he wants to depart in style, should eschew that dishonor.

Instead he should call on his attorney general to respond to Senate Judiciary's call by Wednesday, as the law requires, by seeking court-appointed independent counsel who could work with Britain's independent judge and with independent Italian magistrates. That's how to uncover the first global political scandal. The New York Times.

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'Hang tough — only a little while more to go.'

Planting, Watering and Waiting

By Vaclav Havel

This is adapted from a recent speech by Mr. Havel, former president of Czechoslovakia, to the Institute of France.

PARIS — I come to you from a country that had to wait many long years for its freedom. So I hope you'll allow me to offer a few thoughts on the phenomenon of waiting.

"Waiting for Godot" — for deliverance or salvation — lies at one extremity of the broad palette that covers the different forms of waiting. The sort of waiting many of us endured under Communist rule was often close to this extreme. Encircled, squeezed, colonized from within by the totalitarian system, individuals lost all hope of finding a way out, lost the will to act and even the sense of being able to act. In short, they lost hope.

And yet they did not lose the need to hope. That is why they waited for Godot. Unable to carry hope in their bosom, they waited for some sort of vague salvation from the outside. But Godot never comes, simply because he doesn't exist. He is a substitute for hope — a piece of rag used to patch a torn soul, but itself full of holes.

At the other end of the palette is another sort of waiting, motivated by the hope that to resist by speaking the truth is a matter of principle. Such waiting is strengthened by the conviction that to repeat the truth has meaning in itself. It is also inspired by the conviction that the seed, once sown, will take root and germinate one day, even if no one knows when.

Though I was experienced at the sort of patient waiting practiced by dissidents, during the peaceful anti-totalitarian revolution over the past three years, I found myself sinking into an impatience that bordered on hopelessness. I was tormented by the idea that transformation was coming too slowly, that my country still had no democratic constitution, that Czechs and Slovaks were still unable to agree on their co-existence in a single state, that we were not moving rapidly enough toward the Western democratic world and its structures.

I wanted my work at the head of the country to finally achieve some visible, tangible, undeniable result. It was hard for me to resign myself to the idea that politics, like history, is an endless process. Today, looking back, I'm beginning to understand that I was succumbing to that form of impatience, so destructive in modern technocratic civilization with all its rationality, that is wrongly persuaded that the world is nothing but a crossword puzzle in

which there is only a single correct solution to the problem: a solution I did I alone could find. I thought time belonged to me. This was a great error. The world and history are ruled by a time of their own, in which we can creatively intervene but never achieve complete control.

The behavior of the postmodern political man must flow not from impersonal analysis but from personal vision. He must not stand on his pride but nurture himself on humility. The world revolts against the order imposed on it by the brain. The more it is forced, with rigor and impatience, into rational categories, the greater are the explosions of irrationality with which it surprises us.

I realized with fright that my impatience for the re-establishment of democracy had something almost communist in it; or, more generally, something rationalist. I had wanted to make history move ahead in the same way that a child pulls on a plant to make it grow more quickly.

I believe we must learn to wait as we learn to create. We have to patiently sow the seeds, assiduously water the earth where they are sown and give the plants the time that is their own. One cannot fool a plant any more than one can fool history. But one can water it. Patiently, every day. With understanding, with humility, but also with love.

International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Germans for Change

Regarding the report "Germans Rejoice Clinton Victory" (Nov. 5):

Certainly, we Germans remain deeply thankful to President George Bush, the U.S. Congress and the American people for their support during German reunification. It would be inappropriate for us not to acknowledge Mr. Bush's role at this moment. But our gratitude can definitely not be interpreted as an anti-Clinton feeling.

German politicians do not think that President-elect Bill Clinton's advisers are "incompetent and anti-European." We have met with many impressive foreign policy advisers to Mr. Clinton. These meetings assured us that a Clinton administration would not be isolationist nor protectionist.

President-elect Clinton represents a new generation of leadership. With new leaders such as Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, Germany is also undergoing a generational change, and we definitely need the spirit and inspiration of a new and creative start.

WERNER HOYER, Member of the Bundestag, Bonn.

It may very well be that the "political establishment" began to shudder at the prospect of another incumbent conservative not being re-elected. But the Social Democratic opposition leader Björn Engholm was not slow to rejoice openly at what happened in the United States.

HELGIA SCHWEIGERT, Munich.

Germany, and indeed all of Europe, needs and wants a healthy, confident, prosperous partner across the Atlantic. We, too, respect — as President George Bush put it — "the majesty of the democratic system." In the latest Wickert survey (Nov. 5), 86 percent of Germans polled said they believed that the election of Mr. Clinton was good for Germany.

KLAUS NEUBERT, Bonn.

Secession Then and Now

The Canadians' rejection of the Union Treaty is saddening. Don't they realize that the best agreement is not the one that satisfies everybody, but the one where no one is satisfied, thereby demonstrating that each party has made a sacrifice to the other?

I would ask that Canadians, whatever

language they speak, consider Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address, urging compromise by North and South:

"Physically speaking, we cannot separate. We cannot remove our respective sections from each other, nor build an impassable wall between them. ... It is possible to make [each] more advantageous or more satisfactory after separation than before? Can aliens make treaties easier than friends can make laws? ... We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection."

ERIK SVANE, Paris.

Subsidies and Superstars

Regarding "Berlin's Staatsoper Opens a New Era With 'Euler'" (Stage/Entertainment, Nov. 4) by James Helme Stuchlik:

In North America, where government subsidies for the arts are minuscule, professional performing-arts organizations are declaring bankruptcy at an alarming rate. In Europe, where subsidies have been cut drastically, along with social services, performing-arts organizations are becoming second-rate artistically.

Yet Daniel Barenboim accepts one

million Deutsche marks (about \$650,000) for a four-month period with the Berlin Staatsoper. Numerous American soloists and conductors are cutting back their fees in an attempt to stem the tide of first-class performers who find themselves out of work without warning.

Mr. Barenboim would do well to follow the example set by other so-called "superstars."

SHELDON MORGENSTERN, Geneva.

Dare to Be Great Again

Unique among the nations of the world, the United States was created by men dedicated to political and ethical principles they believed to be of universal applicability. The concept of the Founding Fathers included a measure of "civic virtue" or republican morality, which meant a willingness to suspend a pursuit of immediate self-interest to act for the common good.

Today, this is more and more disregarded, as individuals and groups fight for their immediate interest and gain without regard for the goals or even the survival of the society as a whole. This is a part of the moral malaise, the sense of having gone wrong some-

where, that has afflicted the country. Americans have amassed a staggering federal debt that cannot possibly be paid off even in their children's lifetime. America has become a net debtor nation. The United States demands that other nations act morally, but Americans often do not practice what they preach.

Can America regain its lost prestige, its fundamental values? Yes, if Americans return to their traditional beliefs, regain the spirit of family and rebuild a sense of community and personal responsibility. Let their democracy be one of deeds.

Americans, you have a moral as well as practical obligation to stand behind a commitment to human rights, fair laws, justice and equality for all. Be great again.

DAN CHELLUMEN, Amboise, France.

A Time for Planning

There has been a lot of talk lately about the end of the American Dream. Perhaps this is a good thing. Adolescents dream; adults make plans. The end of the American Dream may mean that the United States has finally come of age.

FREDERIC SEAGER, Outremont, Quebec.

GENERAL NEWS



MOURNING 5 VICTIMS OF TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE — Relatives grieving on Thursday at the graveside during a funeral for five members of a family who were killed last weekend by unidentified gunmen in the black South African township of Sebokeng.

Enemies Become Allies in a Natal Town

By Bill Keller

MPUMALANGA, South Africa — For two years, extraordinary things have been happening in this battle-scarred black town in Natal, South Africa's most combustible province.

Workers have been commuting to the textile mills without fear of being pulled from their minibus taxis and beaten to death for their political leanings. Children have completed two school years without their studies being disrupted by gun battles.

People who fled during four years of factional fighting between the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party have returned to reclaim their firebombed homes. To their own proud disbelief, the citizens of Mpumalanga — the name means "sunrise" in the Zulu language — have recaptured the town from the thrall of violence that still terrorizes the rest of Natal and menaces South Africa's transition to majority rule.

"It took a terrible beating for us to understand that peace does not come from up top," said Wilbrod Molefe, 45, who returned last year after serving abroad in the ANC's guerrilla army.

Mr. Molefe now lives with his mother — a congress member for 71 of her 83 years — in the midst of an Inkatha-controlled ward. Recently, when a visitor dropped by unannounced, he was entertaining a childhood friend, Dabizolo Luthuli, who works as a national organizer for Inkatha. Such fraternization, unthinkable in most of South Africa's polarized black townships and other communities, is considered almost normal in Mpumalanga.

While the leaders of the African National Congress and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of Inkatha, bickered over whether to be seen in each

other's company, their local counterparts in Mpumalanga were organizing a second joint public rally.

"This is what we'd like to see for all of South Africa," said Eugene Mlaba, a local Inkatha leader. It is a goal that has seemed increasingly elusive in recent weeks as a new series of killings frightened Natal's people.

Not long ago, Mpumalanga, a settlement of about 120,000 Zulus scattered across a hilltop northwest of Durban, had the most fearsome reputation of any town in Natal. It is where Inkatha was born and where its power struggle with the African National Congress has raged most vehemently.

By most accounts, the fighting here broke out in the schools and spread to the streets, where young vigilantes warred with firebombs, homemade guns and, finally, assault rifles.

Across a ravine from the Molefe house is a hillside once thick with squatter shacks, now uninhabited and overgrown. Anastasia Molefe saw the shelters burned and demolished, and some of her neighbors killed.

In 1989, the local leaders of Inkatha and the ANC signed a truce that held for a few months, but the town was soon drawn back into the maelstrom. An Inkatha man who chanced across a congress funeral was burned to death in his car along with his three children. Two members of the congress's peace committee were killed by young locals for dealing with the enemy.

"We were sort of wary," said Inkatha's Mr. Mlaba, who had taken a bullet in the left leg coming home from earlier peace discussions.

Mr. Mlaba's older brother, Siphos, a liquor-store owner driven out of business by the violence, was the main Inkatha negotiator. Together, he and Mr. Mlaba, both of whom grew up here, made the rounds of schools and neighborhoods, pleading for peace.

The town was ready. "Before, when you talked about killing, people asked 'Who?' and if it was an enemy, they cheered," Eugene Mlaba said. "But now, they started to condemn every death. You could make out that people were just sick and tired."

These leaders got important reinforcement from employers at the textile mills down the hill in Hammarsdale, the biggest job center for a town where unemployment is said to run more than 60 percent.

"We told them: either they stopped the fighting or industry was going to move out and Hammarsdale would become a ghost town," said Stephen Simpson, a mill executive who represented the industrialists.

The mill owners shored up the peace with a promise of money to build a new community center, jointly managed by the rival political factions, and to repair homes ravaged in the fighting.

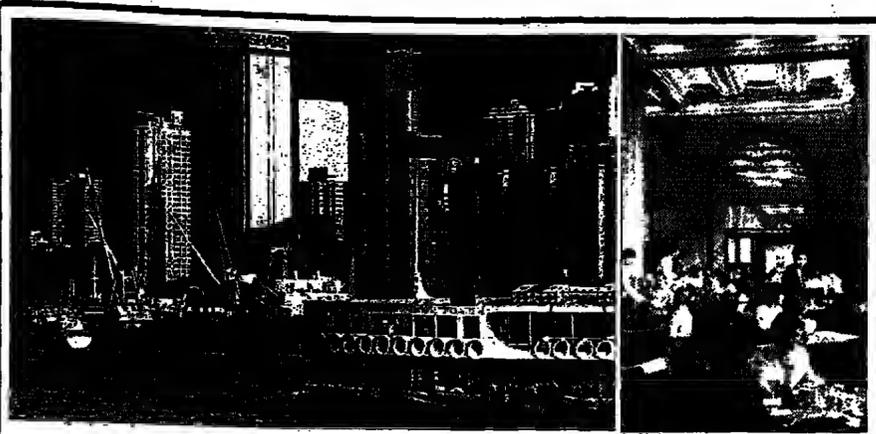
What most worries the political leaders of Mpumalanga is that outsiders who feel threatened by peaceful change — rogue policemen, political warlords, rival hit men, or militants in their own organizations — may decide to make this town a target.

Among the worriers is Mr. Simpson, the mill executive.

"Every time I hear them start to read a report of unrest on the radio," he said, "I say 'Please God, don't let it be Mpumalanga.'"

Advertisement for KLM featuring the text "Double points from October 25 to December 15" and a coupon form for Name, Address, Town, Postal Code, and Country. It also includes the KLM logo and the slogan "The Reliable Airline".

U S U R L



The Star Ferry from Kowloon passes New Central Plaza. Right, afternoon tea at the Peninsula Hotel.

A Seasonal Guide to Hong Kong

By Barbara Basler

HONG KONG — This rich, colorful little colony — governed by the British but still Chinese to the core — is the most popular tourist destination in Asia, and fall, which is clear and sunny, is its busiest season. But Hong Kong handles crowds so adeptly, and absorbs visitors so naturally, few will ever know they are coming during the tourist peak. There are no long lines, even at its most compelling sights. That's because sightseeing here is less a matter of monuments and exhibits, and more a matter of wandering your way through a lively, lantern-lit night market, or watching fishing boats and passenger ferries glide through Hong Kong's beautiful harbor.

A spectacular port on the South China Sea which drew 6 million tourists last year, Hong Kong is a place of glittering skyscrapers and green hills, elegant hotels and massive public housing estates, intriguing back alley shops and expensive designer boutiques.

Hong Kong's return to mainland China in 1997, after 150 years as a British colony, has prompted some entrepreneurs to expand here, while others are working frantically to turn a last profit. This has created a general building boom, with new office buildings and hotels, several other projects completed in Central, the business district, including the Western Market, a new shopping center in a restored red-brick colonial building at 323 Des Voeux Road, and Hong Kong Park, an impressive city garden with a series of fountains and leafy walkways.

The Hong Kong Arts Festival — the colony's premier cultural event, featuring top performers from around the world — begins Jan. 30 and runs to Feb. 21. This season's bill includes the tenor Jose Carreras, the flutist James Galway, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Paris Opera Ballet and the Tibetan Song and Dance Troupe. Tickets can be obtained from the Hong Kong Tourist Association, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong, 801-7177. Rates range from \$154 for the best seats at the opera "Der Rosenkavalier," down to \$5 for balcony seats at a concert by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra (calculated at a rate of \$7 Hong Kong dollars to the U.S. dollar).

A number of events prior to the festival are worth noting, for example, Hong Kong's first outdoor ice-sculpture show — the Ice Sculpture Funfair — which will run from Nov. 15 until Jan. 3 in the Kwai Chung Sports Ground in the New Territories. The fair will feature ice carving, at which the Chinese excel. Tickets are on sale at TV Week Service Centers, in many MTR subway stations, and at Hong Kong's Kai Tak International Airport. Admission is \$7.70, \$3.85 for children. (Tel: 741-7211). To Jan. 30: "Jade Qing." More than 150 objects in jade from the Chin Dynasty (1644-1911). Musée d'Art Ancien (tel: 508-3211). To Dec. 31: "Le Grand Défilé de la Légion." A survey of original designs, photos and documents by the Belgian painter, tracing their origin and iconography.

Hong Kong Park is off Cotton Tree Drive, in the middle of the glass and mirrored towers

of Central. Along with a scenic lotus pond, flowering shrubs and an outdoor café, it has an aviary where visitors can take an elevated walkway and look down on the rain forest where 600 Asian birds live. Admission is free. For details, call 521-5041.

To get an overall view of the beauty and dynamism of Hong Kong, take the Peak Tramway, a funicular railway opened in 1888, from Garden Road to the top of Victoria Peak, an exclusive residential neighborhood. The tram runs every 15 to 20 minutes from 7 A.M. until midnight and the fare is \$2.05 round trip.

If Hong Kong is the business center, Kowloon has the colony's premier tourist area, Tsui Sha Tsui, a frenetic mix of hotels, bars, restaurants, nightclubs and countless shops. Amid all the glitz and neon, however, are bits of traditional Hong Kong, like the venerable Peninsula Hotel (Salisbury Road, Tsui Sha Tsui, Kowloon; 366-6251). From 3 to 6:30 P.M., the Peninsula serves afternoon tea in its lobby, an elegant room of marble pillars and potted palms.

AS Hong Kong becomes more and more sophisticated, visitors have to look a little harder for the exotic. One of the best places to see the colorful, teeming life of Hong Kong is deep in the heart of the Chinese neighborhood of Yan Ma Tei, which lies to the north of Tsui Sha Tsui.

In Yan Ma Tei's crowded, narrow side streets, traditional shops sell everything from five snakes for medicinal potions and soups, to mah-jongg tiles and household altars for favorite gods. Two of Hong Kong's most enticing markets are in this area: the Jade Market and Temple Street, with its fortune tellers and opera singers.

The easiest way to reach the area is to take the subway to Yan Ma Tei station. Nearby on the waterfront is the Yan Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, a mass of bobbing boats. Ferries, cargo carriers, dozens of battered fishing junks and houseboats use this sheltered anchorage. The Temple Street extravaganza, crammed with vendors, doesn't get fully under way until after 6 P.M., so it's best to make that visit on a separate trip.

The tourist association center has some excellent booklets available outlining difficult walks through the colony, including one for Yan Ma Tei. Each guide provides a small, clearly marked map along with detailed comments on streets and sights. The guides cost \$2.80.

With many of Hong Kong's English speakers emigrating to Canada and other Western countries to avoid the 1997 hand-over, the use of English here has dropped dramatically, so having an address or destination written in Chinese characters can save time and trouble.

Higher peak-season prices are in effect at most hotels from October through the first week of December, and standard rooms fill up quickly. Prices quoted are for a double room and do not include the 10 percent service charge and 5 percent tax. The Lee

Gardens Hotel, Hyman Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, 895-3311; fax 576-9775, is an old favorite of some visitors who enjoy its location in a bustling Chinese shopping area where residents, not tourists, crowd the streets. Double rooms begin at about \$142.

The Hillview, 13-17 Observatory Road, Kowloon, 722-7822; fax 723-3718, is a small, new hotel in Tsui Sha Tsui, with 163 rooms strategically situated near the colony's tourist center. Double rooms are \$147.

Luxury: The Regent Hotel, 18 Salisbury Road, Kowloon, 721-1211; fax 739-4546, known for the spectacular white marble staircase in the lobby and view of Hong Kong harbor, is frequently ranked as one of the finest hotels in the world. Rooms start at \$237.

The opulent new Island Shangri-La, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, 877-3838; fax 521-8742, has some rooms with grand harbor views, even though it sits inland, just blocks from Central, in the very chic Pacific Place shopping complex. Double rooms start at \$225.

Budget: The Garden View International House, 1 McDonnell Road, Middlelevels, Hong Kong, 877-3737; fax 845-6263, is a bright new hotel run by the Y.W.C.A. Some rooms have wonderful views looking over Hong Kong's Botanical Gardens, a green spot in Central. A room is \$68 and is subject to only the 10 percent service tax.

With 30,000 restaurants, Hong Kong is a food lover's paradise. Restaurants are generally less expensive than their counterparts in New York or London. Reservations are recommended.

For exquisite Cantonese food, there is the chic Lo Chang Hwa restaurant at the Regent Hotel. Autumn specialties include quail breast in soy sauce and deep fried pomfret with crab roe. Dinner for two with drinks is about \$100.

Jade Garden, Swire House, 9 Connaught Road, Hong Kong, 523-9966, offers good but less expensive Cantonese food. Dinner for two with drinks ranges from \$50 to \$80.

Spring Deer, 42 Mody Road, Kowloon, 366-4012, is an unpretentious Peking restaurant famous for its duck. Dinner for two with drinks is about \$45.

Tourists are often found shopping in Hong Kong, or, if they are men, visiting the tailor. That trip should be made as soon as possible because it takes several days and fittings for a proper suit. Prices for a man's tropical weight wool suit begin at about \$325. Tailoring in Hong Kong is largely for men — most women complain that tailors here, even fine ones, just can't get women's clothing right, or get it right only after repeated visits.

Hong Kong is also known for jade. From Ferry Street take Kansu Street for several blocks to a big overpass, where you will find the famous Jade Market. Here 450 licensed dealers sell their wares every day from about 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Barbara Basler wrote this for The New York Times.

Finding a Lane in Crowded Skies

By Roger Collis
International Herald Tribune

BIG enough to matter, small enough to care. That's how John Roussel describes a niche airline. "It's a boutique rather than a supermarket, offering something different — not just in a trendy sense but real added value. We can do things for customers that big airlines cannot because we are small and closer to the market."

Roussel is head of marketing/sales for Lauda Air, a Vienna-based airline with half a dozen international routes. So he would say that, wouldn't he?

The fact, though, is that small is beautiful for a savvy band of frequent travelers who

The Frequent Traveler

prefer to fly small niche airlines, which offer something closer to tender loving care than most megacarriers (in the same way it people seek out small, independent luxury hotels, rather than those of large chains).

Niche airlines come and go. Sometimes they are forced out of business or gobbed up by major carriers; occasionally they become too big and their special character fades. Enjoy them while they last.

Airline deregulation, pundits say, will bring lower fares through "market forces." Maybe. But it will also bring less choice for passengers as airlines buy each other up (or go bankrupt). Expect no more than half a dozen truly global airlines by 2000. Most of the rest will be regional carriers feeding their long-haul routes. But only a few will be niche airlines.

NICHE airlines need to stay fairly small in order to survive. But not all small airlines are what you could call niche carriers. Niche carriers need to be distinctive, innovative, not simply small versions of big brother. Usually they fly the same routes as the majors but sometimes from different airports.

Virgin Atlantic is a niche airline; so is MGM Grand Air in the United States, Lauda Air and Emirates, based in Dubai, Dan-Air, snatched from the jaws of bankruptcy by British Airways, isn't a niche airline because it never offered a distinctive service; neither is British Midland, an innovative high-quality carrier competing head-on with British Airways.

MGM Grand, which flies twice a day between New York (JFK) and Los Angeles with luxuriously configured DC-8s, has carved a niche among fashion, film and television executives. There are just 35 spacious leather seats of the fully reclining, swivel variety in the front cabin (first class), where you can dine at full-size tables or have a meeting in one of two private rooms. There is a stand-up bar, a choice of half a dozen newly released movies, 32 phones and a fax.

Grand Coach Class, with 40 seats in a two-by-two configuration, offers better comfort and amenities than most main carriers' domestic business class. There are separate

airport lounges for each class on both coasts. Check-in is like arriving at a luxury hotel. Fares are equivalent to other airlines' full-fare first class and coach. MGM Grand may be the most comfortable and stress-free way to travel from coast to coast. It is certainly great value.

My vote for the best international airline goes to Virgin Atlantic, which flies between London (both Gatwick and Heathrow) and New York, Boston, Miami, Orlando, Los Angeles and Tokyo. Upper Class is first class at business class prices. And every time you fly Upper Class to the United States you get an economy ticket free. You get a fully reclining sleeper seat with 55 inches (140 centimeters) of leg room, seat-arm TVs offering six channels plus 10 audio channels, lounge and stand-up bar. And even a complimentary head, neck and shoulder massage and manicure on some flights. Best of all perhaps is the treatment you get on the ground: airport lounge and a range of transfer options, from free limos in the London area and around Newark, JFK, Miami, Los Angeles and Boston and four days' car rental in the United States to free parking and free limo bus transfers in Tokyo.

actual cost of running a quality airline is not much more than running a co-ri-fills product. We put in the best sound and video systems. And better food."

Virgin has recently launched Mid Class for passengers paying the full economy fare. "Research has shown us that more than 20 percent of frequent business-class passengers are now flying economy for budgetary reasons," says Chris Moss, marketing director at Virgin in London. Mid Class is arguably as comfortable as business class on many airlines — with 38 seats in a two-four-two configuration. You get more space to stretch out than the economy cabin, quite decent food, and priority check-in.

"Niche airlines are all about cocooning: allowing passengers to define their own environment," Roussel said. "In our new Amadeus Class we are launching in December, you can order breakfast from a menu before you go to sleep, like in a hotel. You can adjust our business sleeper seat all manner of ways, headrest, arms, lumbar support. . . . We have in-arm videos with six channels, plus the latest films, four to six months before they are available in Europe. We also offer Apple PowerBook computers on board. And I'm planning to have language courses."

Lauda has one short-haul route in Europe — between London (Gatwick) and Vienna, on which it claims to have the lowest business-class fare. From its Vienna hub, Lauda serves Miami, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Melbourne and Sydney with a fleet of 767s. Fly Lauda long-haul and enjoy a free stopover in Vienna.

Emirates is an airline to consider if you're traveling between London, Manchester, Frankfurt, Rome, Zurich or Paris and Delhi, Bombay, Dhaka, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok or Manila via its hub in Dubai. Emirates is winning acclaim for in-flight entertainment and gourmet cuisine. Its fleet of Airbus A-310-300s are fitted throughout with personal seat-back videos on which you can watch Emirates Television. Emirates sends a chauffeur to pick up business-class passengers within a 50-mile (80-kilometer) radius of either Gatwick or Manchester and will collect them by luxury car from anywhere within the United Arab Emirates and deliver them to Dubai airport.

DO'S AND DON'TS

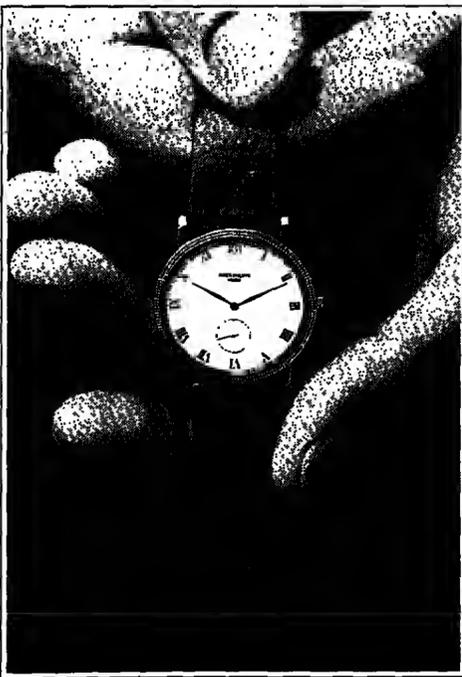
Finding Your Niche
Do check out niche airlines. You may get better service and perks like limo transfers and free stopover packages at airline hubs.

Less Frequent Flights
Don't forget that niche airlines tend to have less frequent flights than major carriers. So make sure your ticket is valid if you want to switch.

Checking Out Airports
Do look for niche airports as well as niche airlines. Fly direct from London City to Bromma in Stockholm, or to Berlin Tempelhof. Major airlines may have better transfer facilities at major hubs.

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Powerhouse Museum (tel: 217-0111). To Jan. 30: "Strictly Ballroom." A survey of the costumes, characters and creativity behind the musical "Strictly Ballroom," and the world of ballroom dancing.

AUSTRIA

Vienna
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig (tel: 782-550). To Jan. 3: "Bertrand Lavier." A retrospective of the French artist's work.

BELGIUM

Brussels
Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire (tel: 741-7211). To Jan. 30: "Jade Qing." More than 150 objects in jade from the Chin Dynasty (1644-1911). Musée d'Art Ancien (tel: 508-3211). To Dec. 31: "Le Grand Défilé de la Légion." A survey of original designs, photos and documents by the Belgian painter, tracing their origin and iconography.

BRITAIN

London
British Museum (tel: 323-8525). To Jan. 24: "Europeans in Caricature: 1770-1830." Intended as a light-hearted contribution to the European Arts Festival, the exhibition focuses on the visual stereotypes that have influenced the way nations view each other.

Design Museum (tel: 403-6933). To Feb. 28: "Ailes in the Same Battle." Scandinavian Design in Britain, 1830-70. This exhibition was organized in conjunction with the British Design Council's exhibition "Design in the Night." It explores the design traditions of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, including artists such as Arne Jacobsen and Hans Wegner.

Northern Ireland
 Belfast Festival at Queen's (tel: 246-609). Nov. 9-29: "A European Arts Festival featuring more than 100



"L'Art Byzantin," Paris.

events, including music, dance and theatrical performances.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague
National Museum (tel: 288-451). To Jan. 3: "Four Generations of Polish Designers." Features set designs and costumes by artists such as T. Rozkoszewska, J. Kosciuszko, M. Koticzek and A. Majowski.

FRANCE

Paris
Musée d'Orsay (tel: 42-84,18-34). To Jan. 10: "Les Palais d'Argent." L'Architecture Bancaire en France, 1850-1930. Focuses on the economic, social and cultural role of banks in France. Musée du Louvre (tel: 40-20,50-50). To Feb. 1: "L'Art Byzantin dans les Collections Publiques Françaises." More than 400 pieces of Byzantine art including ivory objects, irreplaceable money, mosaics, icons, and gems dating from the 4th to the 15th century.

Cologne
Museum für Angewandte Kunst (tel: 221-2334). To Jan. 10: "An der Rechtschule Glanzzeiten." More

than 400 fashion accessories from international artists and designers such as Laliq and Kenneth Jay Lane.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem
The Israel Museum (tel: 708-811). To Feb. 3: "British Figurative Paintings of the 20th Century." Featuring 75 paintings by 24 artists from the "School of London," included in the exhibition are works by Michael Adams, Frank Auerbach, Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud.

ITALY

Turin
Castello di Rivoli (tel: 988-7256). To Nov. 22: "Post Human." Images by 36 young American, Japanese and European artists focusing on their interpretation of art today in the technological era and its significance in creating a "Post-Human" individual.

JAPAN

Kyoto
Dalmaru Museum (tel: 211-8111). To Nov. 30: "Nihon-ga by Takuehi Seho and his Disciples." More than 50 pieces by the Kyoto painter and his contemporaries, including works by Hashimoto Kansetsu and Uemura Shoen.

Otsu City
The Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42-2111). To Dec. 8: "Masterspieces of French Painting." Works produced by leading artists in France from the period of the "Ecole de Barbizon" to the post-impressionists. Features 80 works by artists such as Corot, Renoir, Van Gogh and Picasso.

NETHERLANDS

Groningen
Telegraph Office (tel: 229-450). To Nov. 27: "Rattle-Zig-Zag." Part of an international mail-art project focusing on the artist's interpretation of the meaning of the Catalan word, Rattle. The works vary in size and character from postcards to complete installations.

SPAIN

Barcelona
Fundació Joan Miró (tel: 329-1908). Nov. 18 to Jan. 10: "Gilbert and George: The Cosmological Pictures." Twenty-five large-format pieces produced by this pair of British artists.

SWITZERLAND

Geneva
Musée Barlar-Mueller (tel: 312-0270). To Feb. 16: "Art des Iles Salomon." An assortment of ancient tribal works from the Salomon islands in the South Pacific. Martigny
Fondation Pierre Gianadda (tel: 223-978). To Jan. 24: "Ben Nicholson." A retrospective including more than 50 paintings, reliefs and wood carvings by the English artist.

UNITED STATES

Baltimore
Walter's Art Gallery (tel: 547-9000). Nov. 15 to Jan. 2: "Oncarcino: Romanticism and Revolution in 19th-Century Italian Painting." More than 100 paintings on view for the first time in the United States, including Botticelli, Fattori and Mancini.

Malibu
The J. Paul Getty Museum (tel: 458-7811). To Feb. 21: "The Tomb of Nefertari: Conservation of the Wall Paintings." Including is a full-scale replica of the tomb and more than 40 related works.

New York
The Brooklyn Museum (tel: 785-6501). To Jan. 10: "Max Weber: The Cubist Decade 1910-1920." More than 60 oils, watercolors and pastels of New York cityscapes and abstract figure studies, created at the apex of the artist's career.

Washington
National Museum of American History (tel: 357-3129). To Jan. 15: "Kiowa Culture in Transition, 1925-1965." Includes 72 photographs by Horace Poolaw, a Kiowa, who documented significant events of his tribe and the daily life of his family and friends, over a 30-year period.

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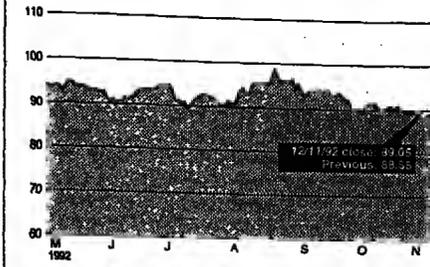
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Smaller Should Be Better In Picking Clinton Plays

By Jay Mathews. Small-company stocks, as undervalued today as the chances of a Clinton presidency once were...

Eurotunnel Chief Spares Few Words In Lashing Britain

LONDON — In a speech that he himself billed as a "tirade," the Eurotunnel chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, on Thursday mounted a vitriolic attack on a "clueless" British government...

Cellular Shrinks for Growth

By Anthony Ramirez. NEW YORK — A multimillion-dollar telephone revolution is taking place in the United States, bringing with it a potential as great as that of the telegraph...

U.K. Cuts Rates, Holds Spending

By Erik Ipsen. LONDON — Norman Lamont performed almost precisely to widespread expectations on Thursday: He announced he would hold British government spending to £244 billion (\$366 billion)...

"aimed at sectors of the economy which have been hardest hit by the recession." True to his word, the severely depressed construction industry got several significant boosts.

GM Weighs White-Collar Cuts

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North American vehicle operations to break even by the end of 1993. Regarding the possibility of further white-collar cuts, GM's new chief executive officer, John F. Smith Jr., said...

Ford's New Team Signals Change

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The board also named Allan D. Gilmour a vice chairman with responsibility for the financial-services group and Louis Ross vice chairman and chief technical officer.

EC Will Strive for Accord With U.S., Brussels Pledges to GATT Director

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. BRUSSELS — The European Community moved Thursday to assure the head of GATT that it would strive next week to resolve the growing trade dispute with the United States.

Earlier this week, the 12 EC foreign ministers agreed that talks with Washington should resume immediately. They broke down last week in Chicago.



LOUIS MALLE, FILM DIRECTOR

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

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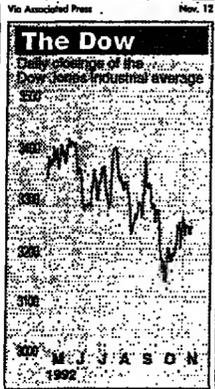
MARKET DIARY

Rally in Bonds Fails To Stimulate Stocks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Stock prices stalled at slightly lower levels on Thursday despite signs of lower interest rates.
The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 14.86 points on Wednesday, fell 0.54 of a point to 3,239.79.

Declining U.S. Yields Take Dollar Lower Too

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — The dollar fell Thursday after a bond market rally sent U.S. interest rates tumbling.
In selling the dollar, investors shrugged off interest rate cuts in Britain, France and Italy, cuts that normally would have lifted the U.S. currency.



NYSE Most Active

Table with columns: Vol., High, Low, Last, Chg. for various NYSE stocks including IBM, GE, and others.

AMEX Stock Index

Table showing AMEX Stock Index performance with columns: High, Low, Close, Chg.

Dow Jones Bond Averages

Table showing Dow Jones Bond Averages for various categories like 20 Bonds, 30 Hybrids, etc.

NYSE Diary

Table with columns: Adv., Decl., Total Issues, Chg. for NYSE trading activity.

NASDAQ Diary

Table with columns: Adv., Decl., Total Issues, Chg. for NASDAQ trading activity.

Dow Jones Averages

Table showing Dow Jones Averages for Industrials, Utilities, and Composite.

Standard & Poor's Indexes

Table showing Standard & Poor's Indexes for Industrials, Utilities, and Composite.

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Table showing NYSE Indexes for Composite, Industrials, and Utilities.

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Table showing AMEX Stock Index performance.

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Market Sales

Table showing Market Sales for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

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Table showing N.Y.S.E. Odd-Lot Trading statistics.

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Thomas F. Carpenter, economist at ASB Capital Management, said the report was the latest sign that the employment situation had stabilized.

Fed Governor Sees No Bank Crisis

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — A Federal Reserve Board governor, Edward Kelley, played down Thursday the threat of a massive closure of commercial banks after a new banking law goes into effect next month.
Kelley, who ran for president as an independent, warned during the campaign of a "December surprise," in which a number of weak banks would be shut down in a shock to the nation's banking system.

Gap Earnings Fell 12% in Quarter

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The casual-clothing maker The Gap Inc., blaming the recession, said Thursday that third-quarter earnings fell 12.4 percent to \$62 million, from \$70.8 million a year earlier.
The results were in line with or above expectations on Wall Street, and Gap stock rose \$2.25 to close at \$33.50 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. Sales rose 17.8 percent to \$827 million.

United Airlines Seeks Return of Slots

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — United Airlines petitioned the government Thursday to return 36 takeoff and landing slots at O'Hare International Airport it said were taken from United and given to foreign carriers.
The action by the Federal Aviation Administration forced United to cancel all or part of 36 domestic flights, United charged in its petition.
The slots were withdrawn for the 1992-93 winter season under an FAA policy that grants foreign carriers' demands for access to the Chicago airport by eliminating domestic service, United said.

Microsoft Signs China Licensing Pact

HONG KONG (Reuters) — Microsoft Corp. said Thursday it had entered the Chinese market by signing a licensing agreement with a consortium of Chinese personal-computer makers.
The pact, which follows a Chinese-U.S. trade accord last year on copyrights, allows Microsoft's MS-DOS software to be installed on Chinese-made PCs for domestic sale for the first time.
Microsoft, the largest U.S. software publisher, said it placed great importance on the Chinese market.

For the Record

Gold prices firm Thursday on the New York Commodity Exchange, the December contract finishing at \$333.50, up \$1.40, and adding to Wednesday's gains. Gold was at a seven-year low earlier this week.
Huntington Bancshares Inc. and CBAT Financial Corp. agreed Thursday to merge in a stock transaction valued at \$131.5 million. CBAT is a bank holding company with \$782 million in assets and 25 offices in West Virginia; Huntington, based in Ohio, has assets of \$14 billion.
Chemical Bank Corp. said Thursday it expected nonperforming assets and net charge-offs to fall 50 percent within five years.

RISK: Warning on New Downturn

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An increased risk that the economy could turn down again, Mr. Feldstein said he expected the Fed to cut interest rates again within a month, but warned that even as large a reduction as 0.75 of a point "would not be enough to change the outlook."
Meanwhile, Karl-Otto Pöhl, former Bundesbank president, told the audience he was "not sure" Europe's currency crisis was over.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Large table showing World Stock Markets for various regions: Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Madrid, Milan, Montreal, Paris, Singapore, Stockholm, Toronto, Tokyo, Zurich, etc.

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Vertical advertisement for 'Royal' brand products, featuring 'French Fries' and 'Roy' logo. Includes text: 'Our Business. The I'.

EUROPE

French Farmers Set to Fight

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service
EVREUX, France — Even as France risks provoking a trade war between the United States and the European Community, the 200 or so Norman farmers who gathered here this week were in no mood to thank the French government for standing up for their rights.

combative group called Rural Coordination.
As farmers doctored out in their Sunday best assembled for the group's strategy meeting in this Norman town 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Paris, they made no secret of their belief that they are fighting for their survival.

While the Industrial Revolution turned most British peasants into factory workers, 35 percent of France's population still lived off the land in 1940. But this proportion has fallen since then and, with 40 percent of farmers now over the age of 55, another 400,000 farms may close in the next decade.

French Cut In Rates Lifts Stocks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — The French government, eager to boost the economy just four months before general elections, cut interest rates by a quarter-point on Thursday, the second such move in 10 days.

Layoff Costs Slice Profit 45% at BT

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — British Telecommunications PLC, one of the most profitable companies in the world, on Thursday reported a 45 percent plunge in second-quarter pretax earnings as costs of job cuts gutted its income.

Shell Earnings Surge in Period

Retainers
LONDON — Royal Dutch/Shell, one of the world's biggest oil companies, said Thursday that third-quarter earnings on an estimated current cost basis jumped 58 percent to \$24 million (\$1.25 billion).

Investor's Europe

Table with columns for Frankfurt DAX, London FTSE 100 Index, Paris CAC 40, and various European stock indices with their respective values and changes.

Very briefly:

- Schering AG, the world's largest maker of oral contraceptives, posted a 21 percent fall in group net profit, to 22 million Deutsche marks (\$13.8 million), in the third quarter. Sales were up slightly to 4.89 billion DM.

NYSE

Thursday's Closing
Tables indicate the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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NYSE High-Lows table listing various stocks and their price ranges for the day.

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Russia Approves Bankruptcy Law

MOSCOW — The Russian parliament adopted a bankruptcy law on Thursday that allows for the closure of inefficient and indebted enterprises, in a move that bolsters President Boris N. Yeltsin's efforts to dismantle the command economy.

Fiat Prepares To 'Slim Down'

ROME — Fiat SpA, the auto giant and Italy's largest private-sector industrial concern, announced Thursday it was preparing a restructuring plan to decentralize the company and "slim down."

CELL: Will Smaller Be Cheaper?

(Continued from first finance page)
devised will work within buildings and tunnels.
The PCS devices themselves and the small transmitters will be relatively cheap to make because of recent advances in the miniaturization of electronic parts and the increase in computing power.

TIRADE: Mandarins as 'Cretins'

(Continued from first finance page)
attempt to support the pound.
Sir Alastair told his hosts, the Institution of Structural Engineers, that Britain now lacked any world-class civil or structural-engineering firms. He predicted that the coming decade would see major European construction projects ranging from tunnels under the Swiss Alps to bridges and tunnels spanning the Baltic Sea.

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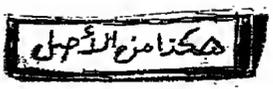
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OBSERVER

This Is an Even Trade?

By Russell Baker
WASHINGTON — If I understand this, which is unlikely, our trade war with Europe is about soybeans. Before reading this in a newspaper, I hadn't even known that soy came in beans. I thought it was confined to Chinese restaurants.

To details: The American plan for bringing the Europeans to their senses soy-wise is to triple the import duty on European white wines. The immediate question is, if this is a war of agricultural tit-for-tat, why wine?

Matisse Record in N.Y. Sale

By Soren Melnik
NEW YORK — In a major triumph of the art market, Christie's scored a remarkable success with its sale of Impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture.

Family Values, the Hollywood Version

By Bernard Weinraub
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Studio executives, producers and agents, who overwhelmingly supported Bill Clinton and deplored Republican attacks on the town, are developing an array of movies with a trendy theme. It's called family values.

Not that Hollywood is suddenly rejecting violent or sexually explicit movies. Or that it is embracing precisely those family values espoused by the Republicans during the party's nominating convention last summer.

But there is a new wave of films, having to do far less with politics than profits, that are family-oriented, generally happy or tearful (or both), and rated PG or PG-13.

Several of these films will appear over the Thanksgiving-Christmas season, and two of them are viewed by exhibitors as the only pure successes of this important season. They are Disney's "Aladdin," which opened Wednesday in New York and Los Angeles and will open in the rest of the country on Nov. 25, and "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York," opening next Friday. Many more of them will flood into theaters in 1993.

The most obvious reason for the plethora of warm-hearted movies is the uncertain national economy, which has led studios to look for scripts meant to lure the widest possible audience, meaning families, who need an alternative at the local mall to the violence of "Basic Instinct" or "Lethal Weapon 3."

"The studios and financiers are very concerned that there's a very big family market to be tapped, and they're looking aggressively now to get filmmakers to make this material," said Jack Rapke, co-head of the motion picture department at the Creative Artists Agency, the largest in town.

Some have also suggested that the growing number of yuppie studio executives who now have children of their own may have something to do with the feel-good flood too; when it's your children who are going to see "Basic Instinct," maybe the whole business looks different.

Although Hollywood executives are fond of pointing out its latest trend, the phrase "family values" hardly carries the same meaning here as that expressed by Vice President Dan Quayle, his wife, Marilyn, Patrick J. Buchanan and others before and during the Republican convention.

There, it was generally viewed as a phrase that implicitly criticized alternative life styles, and was even seen as rebuking working mothers. In Hollywood, the term translates into far more predictable themes.

To movie executives, a film like "Beauty and the Beast," for example, espouses the not-very-provocative notion that beauty is



Joe Pesci, MacAnay Culkin and Daniel Stern together again in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

only skin deep. The message of a new Mel Gibson romance, "Forever Young," rated PG and opening Dec. 18, is that love transcends time and age. The film has left preview audiences in tears.

Every bit as important as the theme, of course, is the track record. Relatively inexpensive films like "Home Alone" and "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," as well as the more costly "Beauty and the Beast" were major hits, in part because children returned several times to see them.

In recent weeks, a film that has done much better than expected is Robert Redford's PG-rated drama "A River Runs Through It," about two brothers and their father, and their love of fly fishing, which is drawing a big family crowd.

Joe Roth, who is leaving as chairman of 20th Century Fox and setting up an independent production outfit at the Disney studios, cautions that family movies are not instant moneymakers, however. A number of them have collapsed on their first weekend. These include such drags as "Newsies," a Disney musical; "Ferngully," an animated film with an environmental theme, and "Wild Hearts Can't Be

Broken," a family film about a blind girl who learns to ride horses. "Some of these movies aren't worth a plug nickel," he said. "The trick is to come up with movies that actually aren't too soft, that play through the spectrum of the family."

Nor is the response to the family film boomlet all positive, especially among some directors and writers who are plainly anxious about the trend and the direction in which Hollywood seems to be moving.

Ron Shelton, the screenwriter and director of such hits as "Bull Durham" and "White Men Can't Jump," said in an interview: "It's discouraging. Studios are going the way of television networks. What 'mainstream' really means is the lowest common denominator. The reason for this is that television people are now running a lot of the studios. You sit with these people and they don't know what a movie is. It's television on a large screen."

"People who used to run studios were different. Sure, you couldn't talk about life experiences because they didn't have any. But you could talk in terms of movies. You could say, 'I have an idea that's a cross between 'Sunset Boulevard' and 'Straw Dogs,' and they'd know what you're

talking about. These people today have never heard of Billy Wilder. Or Sam Peckinpah. They don't know movies!"

Paul Mazursky, whose many credits include "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," and "Enemies: A Love Story," is more philosophical. With a sigh he said: "The word 'mainstream' is what I hear a lot. Will it last? I doubt it. None of these cycles last. The mindless pictures just seem to make more money. In the 20 years I've been making movies, there have been so many trends. Today, it's this one; two years from now it'll be something else."

But for now, studios seem to be adding to their list of family films, either in development or production, almost daily.

"The number of these family films is unusual," said Rick Nicita, co-head of Creative Artists' motion picture department. "But I don't think studios have created a mandate that says, 'Let's make family films.' With rising costs, they want to appeal to the broadest possible audience. The higher the rating, the fewer people are excluded. It's really economic rather than conceptual. Dollars and cents. A desirable G-rated film has got to make more money than a desirable NC-17."

PEOPLE

Zsa Zsa Skips a Party, And Snubs a Judge, Too

A jury in San Antonio, Texas, ordered Zsa Zsa Gabor to pay \$3 million for breaking an \$11,000 contract, and the presiding judge thundered that he hopes the plaintiff "collects every nickel." Gabor had taken on a publicity contract to "mingle" with people at a celebrity "fantasy week" in the Texas Venice, but just didn't show up. Not even for her date in court over the suit. U.S. District Judge Lucius Benton, who was not amused, accused La Gabor of thumbing her nose at the judicial system. The elusive Gabor, who is known for not taking any guff from policemen, let alone judges, is appealing.

Diana, Princess of Wales, went to a surprise party for the actor who delivered her children, Sir George Ffrench, who retired in 1990, skipped a judicial hearing in Nice on Thursday. Diana has been living with the prince in her high-rise in Monaco, and is the father of the child she is expecting later this month. Ffrench's brother, Prince Albert, has been sued by a California woman, Tamara Rossini, who claims he fathered her baby daughter. She wants Albert to admit to blood tests, but neither the prince nor the palace has responded.

Ivana Trump was barred from driving by a gender at President-elect Bill Clinton's home in Little Rock by the Secret Service.

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WEATHER

Weather forecast for Saturday through Monday. Includes maps for Europe, North America, and Asia, along with temperature and precipitation data for various regions.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle from Nov. 12.

BOOKS

A BUS OF MY OWN
By Jim Lehrer. 270 pages. \$22.95. Putnam.
Reviewed by Michael Skube
JIM LEHRER remembers the hiss of overheated radiators and the smell of gasoline, and he remembers the ticket agent's summons. "May I have your attention, please. This is your first call for the Continental Trailways five-fifteen P.M. Air-Conditioned Silverdieses Thriller to Houston and Dallas, now leaving from here one. . . Don't forget your baggage, please!"

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott
ONE of the most successful charity bridge efforts in North America is the annual game in aid of the Israel Cancer Research Fund. Many national experts participated and the charity benefited by more than \$28,000. The winners were Lynn Turpoull and Selma Schlechter, both of Manhattan.

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